THE PHILIPPINE TUBERCULOSIS SOCIETY
1893 Rizal Avenue, Manila

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The Honorable
Members of the House and the Senate
Philippine Congress
Manila

Gentlemen:

Without publicity or even giving the parties affected an opportunity to be heard, the House has just passed on second reading H. No. 2053. This bill will, in effect, deprive the Philippine Tuberculosis Society of at least ₱100,000.00 every year.

Under existing law, charitable institutions authorized to conduct benefit races may determine for themselves where to hold those races. In previous years our Society has divided its races equally between the Manila Jockey Club and the Philippine Racing Club in the sincere belief that the income which we would earn in each club would be more or less the same. During the last five years, however, our records show that earnings from races held in the Sta. Ana track of the Philippine Racing Club have been ₱505,000.00 less than the income which we have obtained from an equal number of races in the San Lazaro track. Our Board of Directors has, therefore, decided to hold all future races in San Lazaro. The resulting increase in our revenue will obviously benefit the many thousands of tubercular patients who depend on us for help.

The Philippine Racing Club management attempted to prevent this by taking the matter to Malacañang. President Magsaysay, however, has decided that our Board may decide for itself where to hold our charity races. It is because of this decision that H. No. 2053 now proposes to amend the racing law by, in effect, making it compulsory for charitable institutions to hold half of their races in the Sta. Ana track even if this will mean much less revenue to these institutions. ***We appeal to the members of Congress not to pass this bill. To do so will prejudice the interests of the tubercular patients whom we are trying to help.***

Very respectfully,

THE PHILIPPINE TUBERCULOSIS SOCIETY

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